

beneficial US-Taiwan partnership. It's important that we continue to build our alliance on a mutual commitment to the rule of law, free and fair elections, and free enterprise. It is in that spirit that the Taiwan government offers the Taiwan Fellowship to students: so that our friendship and mutual understanding will continue into future generations.

COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF
"DO MORE 24—ONE DAY. OUR
COMMUNITY."

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the tremendous efforts of "Do More 24—One Day. Our Community." Today, June 19th, thousands of residents from across the National Capital Region will help make a positive, lasting contribution to those in our community in need of assistance through the region's largest philanthropic giving day: Do More 24.

For 24 hours only, residents will go to domore24.org and choose an organization or cause closest to their hearts to support. They will be able to contribute to one or more of the 550 participating nonprofits serving our neighbors in Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia, and suburban Maryland by providing food, shelter, education, and access to medical care, affordable housing, and other essential services.

Launched by United Way of the National Capital Area last year, the Do More 24 campaign helps nonprofits raise money during the difficult summer months, when many nonprofits see a drop off in donations that creates gaps in their budgets. Last year, 11,000 donors contributed \$1.3 million during the Do More 24 blitz. Their generosity allowed our regional nonprofits to serve more people, expand their programs, and buy necessary equipment.

For example, Martha's Table, which has been providing food to families for 35 years, plans to use this year's Do More 24 donations to expand its "Summer Food Fund" to provide breakfast and lunch for children who would normally receive those meals through school. Hunger doesn't take a summer break, and neither will Martha's Table.

Joseph's House, another nonprofit, provides nursing and support services to homeless men and women struggling with AIDS and cancer. Its mission is to "nurture the living and accompany the dying." Thanks to last year's donations, Joseph's House was able to purchase a desperately needed new van and cover food costs that had exceeded its budget.

Mr. Speaker, Do More 24 encourages us to imagine a community where every man, woman, and child is healthy, fed, educated, and employed. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the United Way of the National Capital Area for this initiative and in thanking the thousands of residents who participate. I encourage us all to consider how we can "Do More" for our local community on June 19th.

AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Republic of Azerbaijan on its commemoration of Republic Day, a remembrance of an extremely important event in Azerbaijani history. When the Russian Empire collapsed in 1917, it brought chaos to the region. On May 28, 1918, the Muslim National Council adopted a Declaration of Independence, and established an independent Azerbaijan Democratic Republic in the southern and south-eastern Caucasus.

Along with the establishment of this Democratic Republic, Azerbaijan adopted several laws, the most famous among these was the establishment of the right to vote for women, a full year before it was adopted in the United States. Azerbaijanis also received the rights to assembly, speech, and religion.

This new and leading democracy flourished until it was crushed by a military attack of the Soviet Union in April 1920, and all government institutions of Azerbaijan were abolished. Sadly, it took another 71 years of Russian repression until Azerbaijan could, once again, establish an independent Democracy.

Today, we remember the courage and foresight of this independent Democratic Republic and we wish them well for the future.

RECOGNIZING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE RECRUIT CLASS 2014-01

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the most recent graduates of the Prince William County Public Safety Academy. As they join the ranks of the Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, these men and women are entering a proud profession with a rich history.

Securing a position as a first responder begins with a competitive application process. Recruits must then complete a rigorous and comprehensive 23 week training program before graduating as a Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue Technician I.

A Technician I is trained in emergency medical services, fire prevention and countless other public safety measures. The certifications required to reach the status of a Technician I cannot be accomplished without dedication and hard work. The graduates have completed the requisite coursework for certification in CPR, Infection Control, CISM, EMT-B, Firefighter I, Firefighter II, EVOC 2, EVOC 3, Flashover Simulation, RIT, Mayday, Hazmat Awareness/Operations, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, LPG with Simulation, Rural Water Supply, BLS Protocols, Rope Rescue Awareness, Vehicle Rescue Awareness and Child Passenger Safety Seat Installation. Each graduate has completed more than 600 hours of training and education.

It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the Prince Wil-

liam County Department of Fire and Rescue Recruit Class 2014-01:

Joel Bernardo, Ryan Beuttenmuller, Peter Francisco, Brendan Galvan, Andrew Mullinax, Daryl Palumbo, Lauren Pinkston, Rachel Reardon, Craig Walton, Jordan Wiley, and Travis Zimmerman.

There are many reasons that firefighters and first responders are known as America's Heroes. These brave men and women regularly put the lives and well-being of those they serve ahead of their own. I am confident that this newest group of graduates will serve the citizens of Prince William County with distinction and honor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue. I want to thank them for making this commitment to public service in our community, and, in the tradition of their new firefighting family, I say, Stay Safe.

CONGRATULATING FORT LAUDERDALE AS AN ALL-AMERICAN CITY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fort Lauderdale for being one of only 10 communities nationwide selected as an All-America City.

Established in 1949 by the National Civic League, the All-America City Award recognizes cities and towns across the country for exemplary community-based problem solving and civic engagement efforts that involve public, private, and non-profit entities.

I would like to congratulate Mayor Seiler and his staff, Fort Lauderdale's residents, and all its community and business leaders on this accomplishment.

Together, you're helping make Fort Lauderdale an outstanding place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONOREES OF THE VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Virginia Chapter of the Global Organization of the People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) on the occasion of its 5th Anniversary and to recognize this year's honorees.

GOPIO was founded at the First Global Convention of People of Indian Origin in New York in 1989. The initial purpose of GOPIO was fighting human rights violations of people of Indian origin. While we have seen improvements over the years, human rights violations continue to be a major issue for people of Indian origin living outside India. In 2001, GOPIO was accredited by the U.N. as an NGO to participate in the World Conference

Against Racism. GOPIO has now expanded its mission to pool financial and professional resources for the benefit of people of Indian origin and the communities in which they live. Today GOPIO has 28 chapters in 18 countries.

The Virginia Chapter of GOPIO is led by its founding President, Jay Singh Bandari. The chapter has a mission of serving the entire community and has collected food for the less fortunate, held free medical clinics, and provided financial assistance and scholarships.

The Chapter also honors people of Indian origin who have excelled in the fields of education, business, industry, community service and other endeavors. I am pleased to enter the names of this year's honorees into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Dr. Partha Pillai—Community Service
Korok Ray—Education and Economic Research

Aziz Haniffa—Journalism
Dr. CM Prasad & Dr. Surya Dhalcar—Medicine

Lt. Colonel Ravi Chaudhary—Politics
Natwar Gandhi—Finance

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Virginia Chapter of GOPIO on its 5th Anniversary and in thanking this year's honorees for their service to our community.

HONORING WEST FORSYTH BASEBALL

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the West Forsyth baseball team, which recently won the North Carolina state 4A baseball championship. West Forsyth defeated Richmond in a best of three series. This was the Titan's first baseball state championship, and the school's first championship in any boys' sport.

West Forsyth's victory was under the leadership of first year head coach Brad Bullard, a West Forsyth graduate and member of the Titan's 2001 second place team, which was the last team to reach the state championship. This year, the Titans amassed a 29 and 6 record and won the West Regional Championship to earn their place in the final series.

Mr. Speaker, I commend these young athletes and the coaches who led them on their winning campaign and wish the team continuing success in future seasons.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HERNDON ROTARY CLUB

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Rotary Club of Herndon on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary and to recognize its significant contributions to the community. The Club's celebration for this event will be held in the historic Dranesville Tavern, where it received its charter in 1939.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago was formed February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris. The name "Rotary" is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. The Rotary Club concept thrived in its early years, and, by 1921, there were chapters on six continents. In 1922, the name "Rotary International" was adopted. The objective of Rotary International is to encourage and foster community service. International understanding, goodwill and peace are fostered through the shared commitment to service of Rotarians from 166 countries.

For the past 75 years, the Rotary Club of Herndon has served as an integral part of the local community. The Club has initiated such programs as the Herndon Rotary Citizen of the Year Award, the Senior-Senior Prom, and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as well as provided funding and volunteers to advocate for the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic.

The Club provides remarkable volunteerism opportunities through its support of community programs including the annual Herndon Festival, Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help (FISH), Herndon Relay for Life, and clean-up activities at local streams and trails. In addition, the Club sponsors scholarships for Herndon High School students and has provided free computers for Herndon Middle School students. In 2013, thanks to \$15,000 raised by the Club, The Herndon High School Band was able to travel to Hawaii to perform in front of the USS Missouri and participate in a parade commemorating the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On an international level, the Rotary Club of Herndon contributes to the Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio worldwide, donates "Shelters in Place" for disaster relief efforts, and provides grants for water system development projects in third world countries.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Rotary Club of Herndon on its 75th Anniversary and in thanking its members for their tremendous service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF RALPH PRESTON BOLT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Ralph Preston Bolt, a constituent of mine from Anniston, Alabama. Mr. Bolt will be celebrating his 90th birthday on July 4th.

Mr. Bolt was born on July 4, 1924, in Randolph County, Alabama. He graduated from Randolph County High School and after World War II, graduated from Auburn University in 1950. By the end of World War II, Mr. Bolt was a Staff Sergeant with the 94th Infantry Division. He was in the 302nd Battalion, Company K. With his division, he landed on Utah Beach 94 days after D-Day and ended up in Germany in 1945. His division spent just under a year in France and Germany.

In 1947, Mr. Bolt married Betty Wright and had two sons, Ralph Preston, Jr. and James Andrew. He also has four grandchildren. Weathers Preston Bolt, Edward Morrisette Bolt, Sarah Sage Bolt and Anne Jacobs Bolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolt reside in Anniston where he has been very involved in the community. Over the years, he has served on the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and served as past Chairman of both the Chamber and YMCA Board. He was president of the Anniston Jaycees and is still a member of the Kiwanis Club of Anniston. He served on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Anniston and was recipient of the Silver Beaver award from the Choccolocco Council of the Boy Scouts of America following many years of service. He has also served on numerous boards and committees for the First United Methodist Church of Anniston where he is still an active member.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Bolt for his brave service to our country and join me in wishing him a very happy 90th birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE ARC OF GREATER PRINCE WILLIAM/IN- SIGHT, INC.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Arc of Greater Prince William/Insight, Inc., based in Woodbridge, Virginia.

The Arc is an affiliate of The Arc of the United States and The Arc of Virginia and is a tireless advocate for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc provides support services to residents of the community that help to realize the organization's broader mission.

The local chapter of the Arc of the Greater Prince William County was founded in 1964, and has since seen vast growth within the community. At their start, the local chapter served 26 children in a school setting. Today, they serve over 1,700 children and adults from the Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park communities. Over 10 major programs are provided, including family support, residential and child care services, and advocacy.

The assistance provided by The Arc in raising a child with disabilities begins early in life with their child care services. Children ages 6 weeks to 21 years can seek therapeutic and educational activities at the Muriel Humphrey Center in Dale City, Virginia. At the Robert Day Child Care Center in Manassas children enjoy recreational activities that encourage healthy socialization and friendship. Recognizing the added stress and time commitments that accompany raising a child with disabilities, The Arc offers "Parents Night Out" and respite care programs. Prince William families are not alone and have a dedicated and capable partner in The Arc of Greater Prince William.

The Arc extends its support beyond high school education with a number of programs designed to give adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities a well-rounded life experience. In the vocational services program individuals are taught ground maintenance, lawn care and janitorial skills.

Young adults are encouraged to continue to develop their social skills through bowling